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The document consists of No. 16, Vol. III of the Mitteilungsblatt der Deutschen Reichsbahn (Reichsbahn Gazette), dated 7 Jul 52.

The greater part of the issue is, as usual, taken up by the publication of official decrees and announcements by the Directorate General and the various directorates of the Reichsbahn. These announcements are subheaded as follows: operations, passenger traffic, locomotive technique, safety and communications, finance and economy, labor and wages, administration and law, social benefits, training, personnel, and tank car management.

The following items are of particular interest:

Appeal to all railroaders for reclamation of bricks, steel beams, and pipes from destroyed Reichsbahn buildings.

Report of the Director General on locomotive operations. This is the second of three parts and contains the statement that tests have proved the superiority of the grate adapter (Totes Feuerbett, literally: dead firebed) for brown coal firing over all other grate forms. Therefore all locomotives operated with brown coal have been changed to this adapter. No mention is made of coal dust locomotives. - The same report also mentions that coal consumption has been lowered from 75.67 tons per million locomotive performance ton-kilometers to 68.75 tons in 1951.

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